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Subject: Current Activities of
Ante PAVELIC.

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Date of Info: April-May 1951

Place Acquired: Buenos Aires

Date Acquired: 7 May 1951

Evaluation: B-2 except as noted.

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Sources: A - Documentary

B and C - Has contacts in local Ustashi circles.

1. According to Source A, the following information recently appeared in a local newspaper:

"Andri ARTUKOVIC, sought by the Yugoslav government as one of the worst war criminals, has been found living in quiet luxury at an exclusive California seaside colony. ARTUKOVIC was once an official of the Croatian puppet government of Ante PAVELIC, established by Adolf HITLER, which allegedly slaughtered 1,000,000 Serbs and Jews during the World War II 'blood bath'... ARTUKOVIC served variously as Minister of the Interior, Minister of Justice and President of the State Council, during the short lived Croatian puppet regime....."

2. Source B has reported that at the end of the war, ARTUKOVIC fled from Croatia to Ireland and then to Canada. About a year and half ago ARTUKOVIC entered the United States with a Hungarian passport and under an assumed name and went to Los Angeles from where he has maintained constant contact with PAVELIC in Argentina. The detention of ARTUKOVIC has made a considerably impression upon PAVELIC who has already given instructions that steps be taken in favor of ARTUKOVIC. According to Source, PAVELIC fears that ARTUKOVIC may be extradited and fall into the hands of TITO. PAVELIC is planning to write a letter to the secretary of (fnu) STEPANIC, who is presently in the United States, requesting that he contact Cardinal SPELLMAN and secure his intercession in ARTUKOVIC's case.

3. Source C has reported that on 7 April at 1930 hours PAVELIC made a speech over the "Radio El Espectador" in Montevideo in which he announced the names of the members of his government-in-exile and addressed a message to Croats in Croatia. PAVELIC was introduced by the radio announcer as the "head of the Croatian State". During the program a military band played the Croatian national anthem and a Croatian war march. This action on the part of PAVELIC, according to Source, has created a sensation among the democratic Croats in Argentina since PAVELIC's anti-democratic position and his adherence to the "third position" are well known. These democratic Croats believe that PAVELIC, by speaking from a country as Uruguay, is attempting to make them believe that he has connections with democratic elements outside of Argentina.

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